


## MEMORANDUM

To: Christine Coble

From: Shanna 

Date: September 30, 2004

Re: Board of County Commissioner's Agenda Item

The following are the enclosed documents for your review.

- 1) Letter from Mr. Michael Parker, Economic Development Director, City of Tallahassee. The letter addresses the recommendations for the LCRDA Board Appointments.
- 2) Copy of the letter from LCRDA to BCC on September 24, 2004, from Ms. Linda Nichol森, Director LCRDA.
- 3) Copy of minutes from the BCC meeting on September 24, 2002.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding these documents, please give me a call at (850) 575-0031.

September 28, 2004

Honorable Jane Sauls, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County Courthouse  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL. 32301

RE: Recommendations for Leon County Research and Development Authority Board  
Appointments

Dear Chairman Sauls:

The ordinance (00-29), which established the membership for the Leon County Research and Development Authority, provides for a nine member Board of Directors to be appointed by the Leon County Board of County Commissioners. The ordinance stipulates that five of the board seats are designated for local government and educational institutions, and four of the seats are designated for Leon County residents. A committee composed of a representative from the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council of Tallahassee-Leon County Inc., the Capital City Chamber of Commerce, and the City of Tallahassee Economic Development Department provides the County Commission with recommendations on candidates to fill vacancies on the Authority Board.

There are two current Authority Board members whose terms will soon expire. One of those Board members, Mr. Ray Eaton who currently serves as the Chair of the Authority Board, has indicated that he would like to serve another term on the Board. The second member, Mr. Stan Barnes, has indicated that he does not wish to be reappointed to the Board.

The committee met via conference call to develop recommendations for the two upcoming vacancies on the Authority Board. Participating in the discussion were: Linda NicholSEN, Executive Director of Innovation Park, Sue Dick, President of the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce, Terrance Hinson, Chairman of the Capital City Chamber of Commerce and Michael Parker, Director of the City of Tallahassee Economic Development Department. After considerable discussion, the committee endorsed the following recommendations.

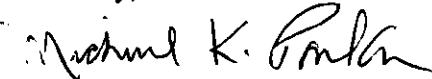
1. Ray Eaton is recommended to serve another term on the Board.
2. Mike Coburn is recommended to fill the remaining vacancy on the Board.

Mr. Eaton owns and operates a technology company in Tallahassee and is currently the chair of the Authority Board. Mr. Eaton submitted a written request to serve another term on the Board. Historically, board members who are in good standing and express a desire to remain on the Board are allowed to serve another term.

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Thomas Michael Coburn is the President of Tallahassee Technologies Inc. (Tall-Tech), which is an affiliate of Talla-Com Industries. Talla-Com Industries is the largest private sector business operator in Innovation Park. Mr. Coburn was a finalist for a Board vacancy in 2002. At that time the committee recommended Mr. Thomas Barron for the available vacancy, but noted the Mr. Coburn was very qualified to sit on the Board and recommend that Mr. Coburn be considered for the next available vacancy on the Board. Both Mr. Eaton and Mr. Coburn are eligible under the terms of the ordinance to serve as members of the Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Michael K. Parker  
Economic Development Director

Cc: Sue Dick, President Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce  
Terrance Hinson, Chairman, Capital City Chamber of Commerce  
Linda NicholSEN, Director, Innovation Park



Attachment 6  
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September 24, 2002

Honorable Dan Winchester, Chairman  
Board of County Commissioners  
Leon County Courthouse  
301 South Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Dear Chairman Winchester:

In accordance with County Ordinance 00-29, a meeting was held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> to make a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners to fill the vacancy on the Board of Governors of the Leon County Research and Development Authority.

The advisory committee consisted of Ms. Sue Dick with the Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Office and Mr. Michael Parker with the City of Tallahassee Economic Development Department. Mr. Terence Hinson with the Capital City Chamber of Commerce was also included in the selection process. The Leon County Research and Development Authority was not a member of the committee its role was to facilitate the process.

The two candidates that were reviewed for the appointment are listed below. A copy of their biographical profiles has been included with this letter.

Mr. Thomas Barron	Capital City Bank
Mr. Michael Coburn	Talla-Tech and Talla-Com Industries, Inc.

Both candidates have excellent business backgrounds. It is believed that either one would be an asset to the Authority. Mr. Barron's expertise is in banking. He has been involved with many civic organizations, and has a community wide perspective. Mr. Coburn has expertise with marketing and technology-oriented businesses. He represents one of the largest private technology industries in Leon County.

The three participants of the advisory committee unanimously agreed that the following recommendations be forwarded to the Board for their consideration:

1. The committee is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Thomas Barron to the Authority at this time.
2. Under the assumption that the Board will consist of seven members, the committee is recommending that the Board of County Commissioners appoint Mr. Michael Coburn to the next vacancy on the Authority.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Linda Nichol森  
Director

Enclosures:

Resumes for Mr. Thomas Barron and Mr. Michael Coburn  
County Ordinance 00-29  
Authority Membership List

Cc:

Sue Dick, President Tallahassee Chamber of Commerce  
Michael Parker, Director City of Tallahassee Economic Development Department  
Terence Hinson, Chairman, Capital City Chamber of Commerce

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2002

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Research and Development Authority: Commissioner Thaeil moved and was duly seconded by Commissioner Rackleff to appoint Tom Barrons. Commissioner Sauls noted that this item was not on the agenda and thought that it was to be scheduled to be on the agenda in October, although she has no objection to Mr. Barrons. It was noted that Michael Coburn would be recommended for the next appointment (the committee would be going from 8 members to 7). The motion on the floor to appoint Tom Barrons carried unanimously, 6/0 (Chairman Winchester was out of the Chambers).